

**NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Cincinnati, Ohio
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016**

Resolution No. 55: Radiation Exposure

Origin: Colorado

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense (DoD) had a contingent of Air Force personnel stationed at Woomera Air Force Station in South Australia; and

WHEREAS, This station was in close vicinity of nuclear weapons posted by the United Kingdom/Australia Governments, in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, This area in Australia is not listed on the DoD places where possible radiation exposure may exist; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of veterans stationed at Woomera Air Force Station are contracting diseases associated with radiation exposure; and

WHEREAS, These honorably discharged veterans are being denied service connection for any disease associated with radiation exposure and medical treatment at the Veterans Administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion encourage the Congress of the United States enact legislation to add, Maralinga, South Australia and Woomera Air Force Station to the list of areas where nuclear testing was done; and, be it finally,

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States allow veterans stationed at Woomera Air Force Station to receive service connection and medical treatment for all diseases associated with their exposure.